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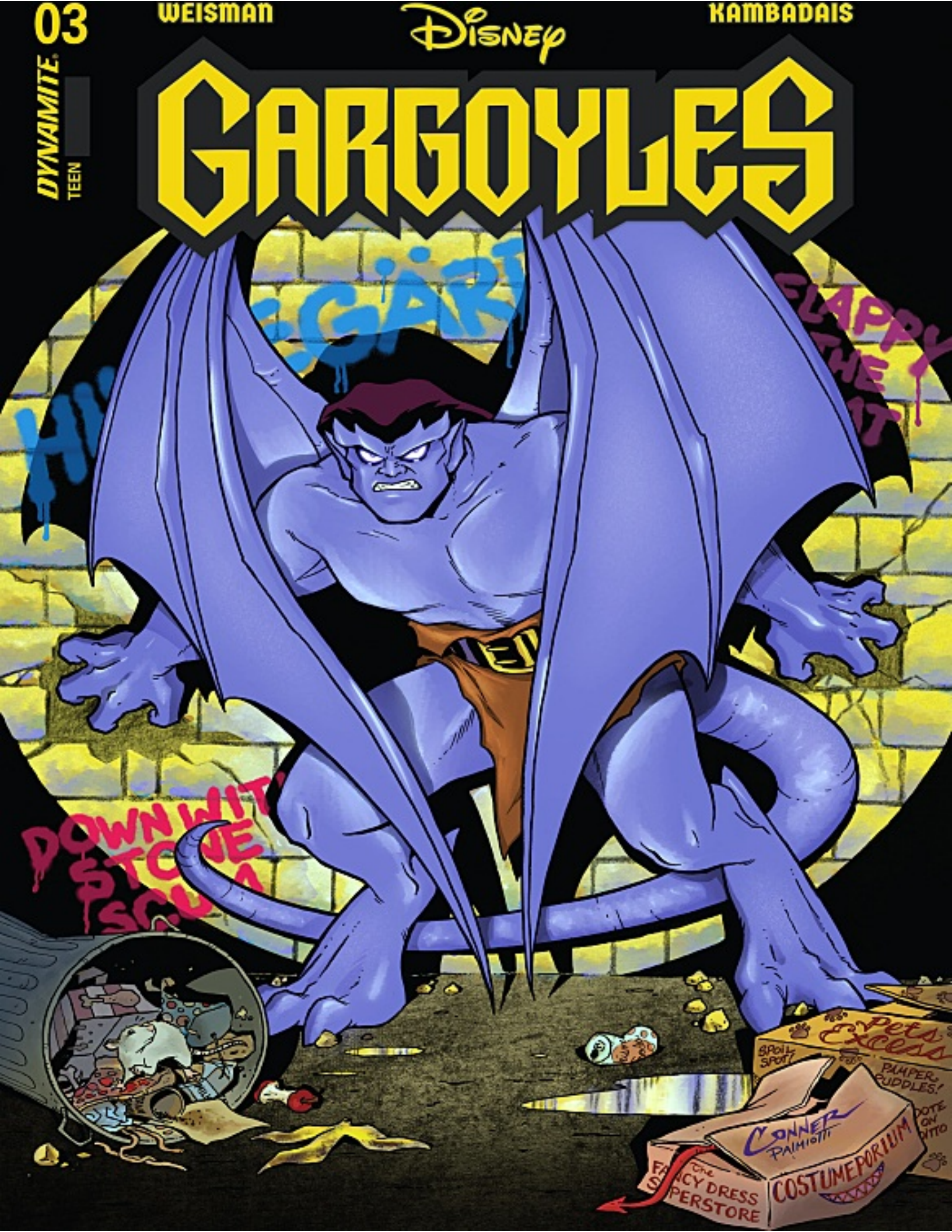
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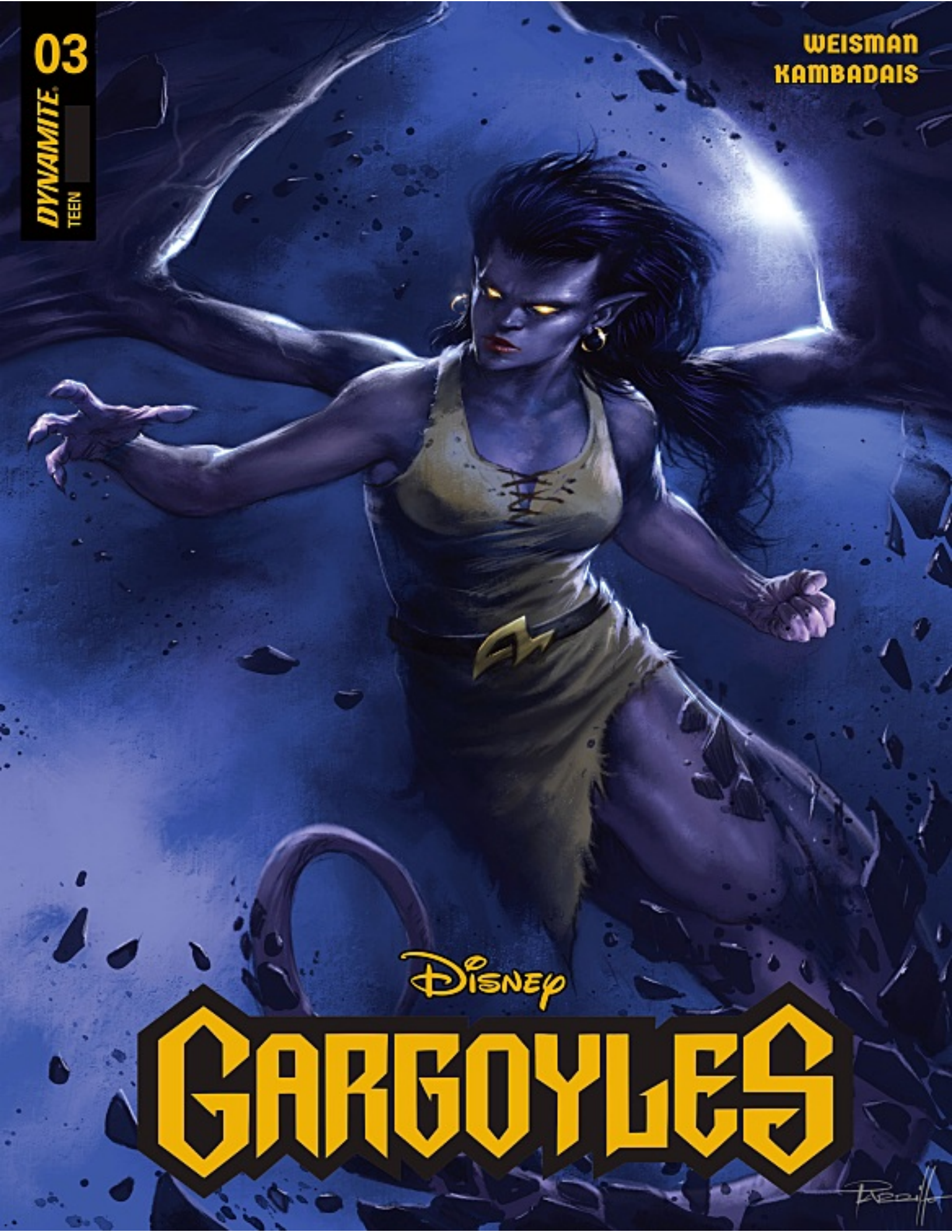
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STONE BY DAY, WARRIORS BY NIGHT

WE WERE BETRAYED BY THE HUMANS
WE HAD SWORN TO PROTECT, FROZEN IN STONE
BY A MAGIC SPELL FOR A THOUSAND YEARS

NOW, HERE IN MANHATTAN, THE
SPELL IS BROKEN, AND WE LIVE AGAIN

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF THE NIGHT

WE ARE GARGOYLES

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I'M A GARGOYLE. YOU CAN CALL ME BROADWAY.
HERE IN MANHATTAN, ELISA MAZA IS A GARGOYLE'S BEST FRIEND. SHE'S FAMILY...
...BUT NOW, SHE NEEDS US TO HELP HER FAMILY. HER BROTHER DEREK, OR, UH, TALON.
SOMEONE'S TAKEN TALON'S MATE, MAGGIE THE CAT...
...WHO'S PREGNANT WITH THEIR CHILD.
PLUS, UM, THE MIDWIFE, MARY, TOO, I GUESS.
ANYWAY, WE HAVE IT ON GOOD AUTHORITY...
...THAT A CERTAIN SOMEONE OVERHEARD ELISA SAYING THAT THE BABY WAS ON THE WAY...
...AND PROBABLY INFORMED HIS BOSS, DAVID XANATOS...
...A GUY WHO'S NEVER BEEN ABOVE A LITTLE NASTINESS WHEN IT SUITED HIM...
...AND CAN BE TRUSTED A LOT LESS FAR THAN WE CAN THROW--OR DROP--HIM.
STILL...SOMETHING JUST DOESN'T ADD UP.

WHERE IS MY WIFE?! WHERE IS MY CHILD?!
YOU WILL RELEASE MY HUSBAND, NOW.
THAT'S XANATOS' MATE, FOX.
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF TITANIA, QUEEN OF THE THIRD RACE, THE FAIR FOLK, OBERON'S CHILDREN.

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MAGIC IS FOX'S BIRTHRIGHT. CONTROL OVER THAT MAGIC IS NOT. THIS COULD GET UGLY FAST...
...WHICH WOULD BE REALLY SAD, IF THIS IS ALL JUST A BIG MISTAKE.
SEE, I'M A DETECTIVE. WELL, AN AMATEUR ONE...
...AND SOMETIMES THE OBVIOUS SUSPECT ISN'T THE PERP.
YOU JUST CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER. TRUST ME, I KNOW. I'M ONE OF THE...
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CHAPTER THREE: MIRACLE CHILD

MAYBE WE SHOULD ALL JUST CALM DOWN...
AGREED. I'M SURE WE CAN TALK THIS OUT.
I ADMIT OWEN TOLD ME YOUR GOOD NEWS--
HE ADMITS IT!!
--BUT IF YOUR FAMILY'S MISSING, I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
IF?! IF?!
TALON-- DEREK--I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE THREATEN TO STEAL ONE'S CHILD AWAY...
...THERE ARE VERY FEW THINGS I WOULDN'T DO TO FURTHER MY ENDS...
DOGGIES!
...BUT I WOULDN'T DO THIS. NOT ANYMORE.
AFTER EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO US, YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE--
I BELIEVE HIM.

GOLIATH, YOU CAN'T FALL FOR HIS--
YOU WEREN'T THERE, ELISA. WHEN OBERON TRIED TO TAKE ALEXANDER.
XANATOS IS NO SAINT. BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, I BELIEVE HIM.
RELEASE HIM, TALON.
BUT MAGGIE...AND THE BABY...
AND, UH, MARY. SHE'S MISSING, TOO.
EXACTLY. NOW, LET'S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER...

"...AND LOGIC OUT *WHO* MIGHT HAVE TAKEN THEM."
STAY STRONG, LUV. STAY STRONG.
I'M LOSING PATIENCE, DOCTOR...
FINALLY.
WELL, NOW, I SUPPOSE WE COULD--
THIS IS IT, LUV! THE BABY'S COMING!

THEY TOOK THE MIDWIFE, TOO, MEANING THEY CLEARLY WANT A SUCCESSFUL BIRTH...
...SO, WHO ELSE MIGHT TAKE AN INTEREST IN THIS CHILD?
SEVARIUS.
HAS TO BE THAILOG.
EXACTLY. BUT I'M NOT BANKROLLING HIM THIS TIME, SO WHO IS?
THERE. WAS THAT SO HARD?
COME NOW, IT'S NOT THAT LONG A LIST.
¡AHEM!
BUT HOW DO WE FIND HIM?!
I'VE PERFORMED A SEARCH.
EXCELLENT, OWEN. PREPARE MY ARMOR.

SO THAILOG RUNS NIGHTSTONE UNLIMITED?
RUNS IT. OWNS IT. FOUNDED IT WITH DEMONA, USING MONEY HE EMBEZZLED FROM ME.
IT'S NOT CLEAR IF DEMONA ABANDONED NIGHT-STONE, OR IF THAILOG FORCED HER OUT...
...AFTER HER LATEST ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE HUMAN RACE FAILED.
EITHER WAY, ALEXANDER THAILOG IS NOW C.E.O.

REE-REE-REE-REE-REE
INCOMING.
INITIATE GREAT MINDS PROTOCOL.
ALEXANDER? THAILOG'S USING THE SAME NAME YOU GAVE YOUR SON?
WHAT CAN I TELL YOU? "GREAT MINDS" AND ALL THAT.

SHOOM
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZZ
ZAK
ZAK
ZAK
FORCE FIELDS! VEER OFF!
AND AGAIN, HE STEALS FROM ME...
HMMMMMM

BUT IF THAILOG THINKS I DON'T HAVE CONTINGENCIES TO DISARM MY OWN TECH--
--THEN HE'S GOT ANOTHER THINK COMING!
THIS IS YOUR TECH?
SET FOR SONIC-PULSE.
VUDUVUDUU

WITH THIS ENERGY WALL DISMANTLED, MY INFRARED VISION MAY BE OF HELP...
*THAILOG, ALEXANDER – GARGOYLE (CLONE)
*BRENTWOOD – GARGOYLE (CLONE)
*REED, MARGARET A.K.A. MAGGIE THE CAT – MUTATE
*UNKNOWN – HUMAN
*SEVARIUS, ANTON – HUMAN
YES. I HAVE LOCATED THEM.
GLAD YOU'RE PUTTING THE TECHNOLOGY I GAVE YOU TO SUCH GOOD USE.
INDEED, YOU SEEM VERY GENEROUS TO THOSE YOU SEEK TO EXPLOIT.
OUCH.

ON THAT UNKIND NOTE, PERHAPS I SHOULD LEAD THE WAY...
KA-BOOM
SKKKIDDDD
WE BETTER GET UP THERE.
WELL, I'M NOT GOING THAT WAY.
MAGGIE!!
DEREK!!
KA-CHK
KA-CHK
WELL, WELL. PARTY TIME.

SEE, HELP'S ARRIVED, LUV...
NOT WHAT I'M FOCUSED ON RIGHT NOW!

SHALL WE DANCE?
NOW, ALEXANDER, IS THIS ANY WAY TO BEHAVE?
ZAK
I THINK YOUR OTHER FATHERS AND I RAISED YOU BETTER THAN THIS...
SSSSS!
KZING

WELL, ALL THREE OF YOU ARE HERE...
...WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A POLL?
FOR MY PART, I'M QUITE PROUD OF THE LAD'S INITIATIVE.
=RRRRRR= GUESS PAPA GOLIATH WILL HAVE TO BREAK THE TIE.
KRR-UNCH
NOTHING TO SAY, OLD MAN? NO PRAISE? NO CRITIQUE?
THAT'S IT, LUV! ALMOST THERE!

THAT'S ONE DAD FOR ME, AND ONE AGAINST...
AHHHH!
SLICE
COLDFIRE!
I HAVE HIM. IT'S A BOY!
A... BOY...
GIVE ME THE CHILD, WOMAN!
YR-RAKK

FOR A SECOND, EVERYTHING STOPS. EVERYONE FREEZES.
GOOD GOD, NO...
THE GENETIC TEST, DOCTOR! DID YOU RUN THE TEST?!
OF COURSE I RAN THE TEST!
THE RESULTS ARE INSTANTANEOUS AND VISUAL OBSERVATION CONFIRMS IT.
THE ALTERATIONS TO MARGARET AND DEREK'S D.N.A. WERE NOT PASSED ON IN THEIR GENETIC CODE.
THE LITTLE MONSTER'S COMPLETELY HUMAN!
HOW VERY DISAPPOINTING.
TAKE THE CHILD AND GO.

LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE TO BE *PALS* OR NOTHIN', BUT YOU ALL *KNOW* WHY WE'RE HERE...
...*DINO DRACON* GETS OUT OF *SING SING* TOMORROW.
WE NEED A *PLAN*.
HERE'S A PLAN, *JACK*...
...IF THIS DINO TAKES ONE STEP OUT OF LINE, WE *END* HIM.
YOU WEREN'T HERE LAST TIME, *HURACÁN*...
...DINO DRACON IS NOT... *INCREMENTAL*. HE DOES NOT TAKE "*STEPS*."
YINGPEI IS CORRECT...
...DINO IS LIKE THAT *MOVIE*--
MOVIE?
YEAH, YEAH. THE ELEVATOR DOORS OPEN AND *YOU-KNOW-WHAT* JUST FLOODS OUT.
AND "YOU-KNOW-WHAT" BRINGS *COPS*, *GRISHA*...
COPS, *FEDS*, AND THE *GRIM REAPER*, ALL WORKING *OVER-TIME*.
IT'S BAD FOR *BUSINESS*. *DINO'S* BAD FOR BUSINESS.
EXACTLY MY POINT, *IZAAK*--
--SO I'LL SAY IT AGAIN: WE *NEED* A PLAN...

LATER THAT NIGHT, IN THE LABYRINTH...
AFTER ALL THAT, THAILOG JUST LET YOU GO...?
...HE LET THE BABY GO?
HE SAID HE'D BE BILLING XANATOS FOR DAMAGES, BUT... YEAH.
HOW DO YOU FARE, SISTER?
FINE, GOLIATH. MY NANOTECHNOLOGY WILL SOON AFFECT A COMPLETE REPAIR. LIKE MAGIC.
THAT'S A FINE, HEALTHY BABY.
NO DOUBT.
OF COURSE HE IS. HE'S OUR GRAND-SON!
HAVE YOU TWO PICKED OUT A NAME FOR MY NEPHEW YET?
DEREK AND I WANTED TO NAME HIM AFTER BOTH HIS GRAND-FATHERS.
SO, ALLOW ME TO OFFICIALLY INTRODUCE MICHAEL PETER MAZA.

REALLY? I'M...HONORED. TRULY.
BY THE WAY, YOUR SISTER BETH HAS BOOKED A PLANE TICKET AND WILL BE HERE TOMORROW.
THE REST OF THE CLAN WILL WANT TO SEE MICHAEL TOO, I'M SURE.
THAT'S GREAT. CAN'T WAIT FOR EVERYONE TO MEET THE LITTLE GUY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW PERFECT HE IS.
CONSIDERING ALL HE WENT THROUGH TO GET HIMSELF BORN, HE'S A BIT OF A MIRACLE CHILD.
AREN'T THEY ALL?
INDEED.
KINDA MAKES YOU THINK, DOESN'T IT?
MM-HMM.
CAN WE SEE HIM NOW?!
PLEASE?!!

WE WANT TO SEE THE BABY!
WE'VE BEEN REALLY PATIENT!
I THINK WE'D ALL LIKE TO SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT.
OKAY. BUT JUST FOR A MOMENT...
...IT'S TIME FOR BED.
BUT I WASN'T DONE--
SHUSH!
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THE MANHATTAN CLAN FIGHTS FOR...
...FAMILY, IN ALL ITS SHAPES AND SIZES.
SLEEP NOW, BABY BOY...
...AND KNOW YOU ARE LOVED.
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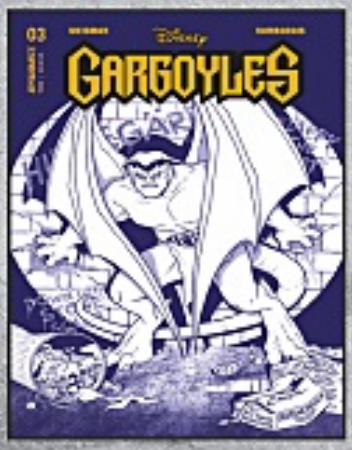

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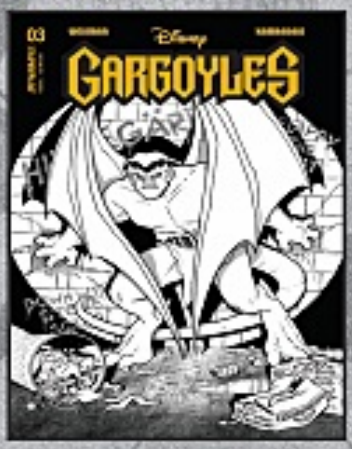

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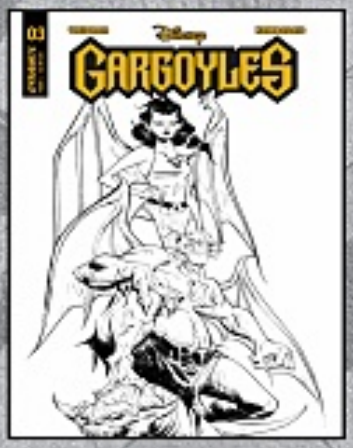

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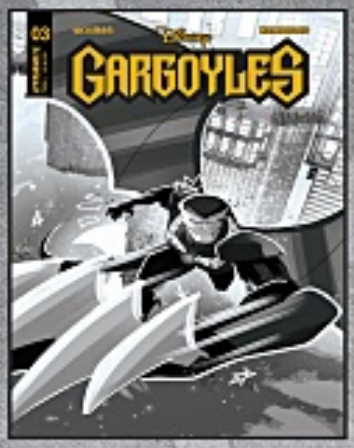

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